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Sr. Joan Davis, SND
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Drug Abuse in the Commonwealth
State House
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Dear Sr. Joan Davis:

This is in response to your letters of 25 July 1975 to the Director of Central Intelligence, the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence and the Legislative Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. Enclosed is a copy of the pertinent section from the Report to the President by the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States concerning the testing of behavior influencing drugs on unsuspecting subjects within the United States. Both Houses of Congress are currently conducting an investigation of the Agency and undoubtedly will publish its findings upon completion. Further information on the subject of your inquiry will likely be published at that time. Agency records do not lend themselves to a general search for involvement of Massachusetts residents. Should you have a name, a specific facility, and a time frame, we could perhaps be of more assistance.

The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, in August 1973, issued the following instruction, "any experiment or use of drugs or other techniques for influencing human behavior will be undertaken only with the Director's specific approval and in no case on unsuspecting American citizens." On 8 July 1975, the Agency released the Director's report of 24 December 1974 to the President which contained the foregoing instruction. In announcing the release, the Agency noted that no activities involving drug experimentation are currently being conducted and the Director has approved none.

Sincerely,


Legislative Counsel

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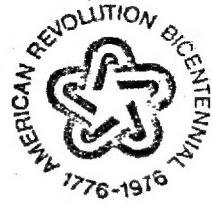
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July 25, 1975

Central Intelligence Agency
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George L. Gray
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Gray,

Our Joint Legislative Commission on Drug Abuse has been following with interest the recent press and media disclosures relative to the drug experimentation practice conducted by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In line with our policy of reporting at frequent intervals to the Massachusetts House and Senate on current drug-related issues, we would deeply appreciate your furnishing us with any information, reports, follow-up material, etc., which would enable us to keep abreast of this issue as it develops.

We would particularly appreciate knowing if any present or past Massachusetts' residents were involved.

Sincerely,

Sr. Joan Davis, S.N.D.
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